

New Covenant Community Church
November 15, 2020



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of autumn colors, and in the glory of creation, God is present with us.

People: **Through expressions of kindness, and by caring for others, God is present with us.**

Leader: By enriching life with love, and through sharing God's grace in the world, God is present with us.

People: **Through the music we hear, and through the voices of hope, God is present with us.**

Leader: Through the hands that help us, and through the arms that embrace us, God is present with us.

People: **Through moments of awe and wonder, God is present with us, and let us worship the God who stretched the spangled heavens.**

HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Ken Heischman

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance Through the silent fields of space,
We, Your children, in Your likeness, Share inventive powers with You.
Great Creator, still creating, Show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of Since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging Through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, Yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, May it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, Serving others, honoring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, Each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance Till our goals and yours are one.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving and merciful God,

**although we confess that we can easily identify the sins of other people,
we often fail to recognize the magnitude of our own sin.**

**We frequently display self-righteous attitudes which make us ready to condemn,
but we often fail to offer gratitude for the gifts of grace You give us.**

**We allow our self-centered sentiments to close our eyes to another's need,
while we attempt to hoard Your blessings for ourselves.**

For these sins and for many others, we ask Your forgiveness.

**Through Your abundant mercy, redeem us from all that is past,
and open to us a new future,**

**so that we may be empowered to serve You and all humanity through Jesus Christ our
Lord, in whose name we pray. (Silent)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from Ephesians 2:13-14)

Leader: In Christ Jesus, we who were once alienated from God have been brought near by the work of Christ.

People: Christ is our peace, and He has broken down the dividing wall of hostility between us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

HYMN

You Are My All in All

Ken Heischman

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all
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SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-10

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ² So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³ Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁵ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

⁸ Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." ⁹ And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

MEDITATION

"Women to the Rescue"

HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Ken Heischman

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

BENEDICTION